MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (f). No such agreement has been signed.

The power generated from DVC and the sale of power in Bihar and West Bengal during 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 are as under:

| | *1989-90* | *1990-91* | *1991-92* |
|---|---|---|---|
| Power Generation (million Units) | 5464 | 4946 | 5338 |
| Sale of Power (%) | | | |
| In Bihar | 64.83 | 65.53 | 65.5 |
| In West Bengal | 35.17 | 34.47 | 34.5 |

[*English*]

**Promotion of SC/ST officers in Indian Airlines**

7030. SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of irregularities have come to notice of the Government in the matter of promotion of SC/ST officers in the Indian Airlines;

(b) if so, the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard; and

(c) the number of cases in which SC/ST officers have been superseded and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No SC/ST officer has been superseded in the promotions and selections effected in the Indian Airlines during the last one year.

**Steel Plant in Assam**

7031. SHRI PROBIN DEKA; Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a steel plant either in public or private sector in Assam;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV: (a) to (c). Due to resource constraints, there is no proposal to set up any new steel plant in the public sector in Assam or elsewhere. As regards the private sector, the New Industrial Policy announced in July, 1991, has exempted the steel industry from the provisions of compulsory licensing under the Industries (D& R) Act, 1951. Entrepreneurs are required to apply for a license only in case the unit is located within a distance of 25 Kms from a city with a population in excess of 10 lakhs.

**Post Offices in Bihar**

7032. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the break-up of district-wise number of post offices opened in Bihar during 1991-92 ;

(b) the number of post offices planned for 1992-93, State-wise; and

(c) the number of post Offices planned to be opened in Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea districts of Bihar during 1992-93 and actually opened during the last three years?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU):(a) The break-up district-wise post offices opened in Bihar during 1991-92 is given in the attached Statement-

(b) While it is proposed to expand the postal network during 92-93, it is not feasible to give the number of post offices planned to be opened State-wise as the detailed targets are yet to be finalised.

(c) The number of post offices opened at Kishanganj, Araria and Purnea districts of Bihar during the last three years is given as here under-

| | 89-90 | 90-91 | 91-92 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kishanganj | - | - | 3 |
| Araria | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Purnea | 2 | 2 | 4 |

As regards the number of post offices planned to be opened in Kishanganj Araria and Purnea districts during 92-93, it is not feasible of state the numbers in view of reply to part (b) above.

**STATEMENT**

*District-wise details of Post Offices in Bihar opened during 1991-92*

| *Sl. No.* | *District* | *No.of. P.O.* |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Ranchi | 3 |
| 2. | Gumla | 1 |
| 3. | Hazaribagh | 2 |
| 4. | Palamu | 3 |
| 5. | Singbhum | 1 |
| 6. | Godda | 1 |
| 7. | Gaya | 3 |
| 8. | Nwada | 1 |

| *Sl. No.* | *District* | *No.of. P.O.* |
|---|---|---|
| 9. | Bhagalpur | 1 |
| 10. | Patna | 5 |
| 11. | Bhojpur | 5 |
| 12. | Nalanda | 5 |
| 13. | Sarah | 6 |
| 14. | Vaishali | 3 |
| 15. | Begusarai | 2 |
| 16. | Khagaria | 2 |
| 17. | Darbhanga | 7 |
| 18. | Madhubani | 2 |
| 19. | Samestipur | 6 |
| 20. | Sitamarhi | 7 |
| 21. | Muzaffarpur | 12 |
| 22. | Siwan | 8 |
| 23. | Gopalganj | 6 |
| 24. | Munger | 4 |
| 25 | Saharsa | 4 |
| 26. | Madhepura | 4 |
| 27. | Araria | 1 |
| 28. | Purnea | 4 |
| 29. | Katihar | 4 |
| 30. | Kisanganj | 3 |
| 31. | East Champaran | 7 |
| 32. | West Champaran | 4 |